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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified patent application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please ADD the following new dependent claims:

46. (New) The method of claim 19, wherein the nucleotide analog is selected from the group consisting of uracil, inosine, xanthine, hypoxanthine, labeled nucleotide, 7-deaza-dNTP, methylthio-linked nucleotide, phosphothio-linked nucleotide, morpholino nucleotide and peptide nucleic acid (PNA).

47. (New) The method of claim 19, wherein the nucleotide analog is a ribonucleotide.

48. (New) The method of claim 19, wherein the nucleotide analog is a deoxyribonucleotide.